

CITIZENS PUBLIC SAFETY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MINUTES  
June 9, 2011

The Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma, met at 4:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building located at 201 W. Gray Street on the 9th day of June, 2011, and notice and agenda of the meeting were posted at the Municipal Building at 201 West Gray 24 hours prior to the beginning of the meeting.

PRESENT:	Members Don Allen, Keith Allen, W.E. Duff, Malaka Elyzagi, George Henderson, Don Holyfield and David Wilson
ABSENT:	Members Emily Meazell and Mary Sue Schnell
COMMITTEE LIAISONS:	Dana Cramer, IAFF (absent) Joel Formby, FOP (present) Brandon Brooks, OU (present)
STAFF PRESENT:	James Fullingim, Fire Chief Lieutenant David Tuescher, Police Department Major Kent Ritche, Police Department Major J.D. Younger, Police Department Anthony Francisco, Finance Department Suzanne Krohmer, Finance Department Jeff Bryant, City Attorney

The meeting was called to order by Chair Wilson.

Item 2, being:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA OF THE JUNE 9, 2011, MEETING.

Member Henderson moved that the agenda of the June 9, 2011, meeting be approved, which motion was duly seconded by Member Holyfield;

Items submitted for the record

1. Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee June 9, 2011, meeting agenda

and the question being upon approving the agenda of the June 9, 2011, meeting, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS:	Members Don Allen, Keith Allen, W.E. Duff, Malaka Elyzagi, George Henderson, Don Holyfield and David Wilson
NAYES:	None

Chair Wilson declared the motion carried and the agenda of the June 9, 2011, meeting was approved.

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Item 3, being:

APPROVAL OF THE CITIZENS PUBLIC SAFETY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MINUTES OF MAY 12, 2011.

Member Elyzagi moved that the Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee minutes of May 12, 2011, be approved, which motion was duly seconded by Member Henderson;

Items submitted for the record

1. Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee May 12, 2011, minutes

and the question being upon approving the Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee minutes of May 12, 2011, a vote was taken with the following result:

YEAS:

Members Don Allen, Keith Allen, W.E. Duff, Malaka Elyzagi, George Henderson, Don Holyfield and David Wilson

NAYES:

None

Chair Wilson declared the motion carried and the Citizens Public Safety Oversight Committee minutes of April 14, 2011, were approved.

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Item 4, being:

MONTHLY UPDATES.

Finance Report

Anthony Francisco, Finance Department, discussed the May financial reports.

Fire Department Report

Chief Fullingim updated the Committee on activities regarding Fire Station No. 9.

Police Department Report

Lt. Teuscher reported that COP activity in May were 99 hour of partnership, 65 hours of problem solving and 18 hours of education. There have been approximately 30 applicants to the first Citizen's Police Academy.

Major Ritche presented the Norman Police Department's Capital Needs Priorities 2011.

Item 5, being:

DISCUSSION WITH CITY ATTORNEY CONCERNING PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX EXPENDITURES.

City Attorney Jeff Bryant discussed with the committee the legal opinion regarding the expenditures of Public Safety Sales Tax funds.

Member Holyfield stated that the Public Safety Sales Tax election was passed because citizens were told that the funds could only be spent on additional police and firefighters. He further stated that spending the funds on detectives and narcotics officers was not the intent of the tax. When detective and narcotics officer positions are filled, then the police officer positions vacated by those being promoted must be back filled.

City Attorney Jeff Bryant said it was his interpretation that the expenditure of PSST funds for these positions was legal. He also stated that those positions vacated were being filled as Member Holyfield requested.

Member Holyfield said that this question was either going to be resolved politically or in court. He suggested that the issue be submitted to City Council for their interpretation.

Member Allen asked if any of the PSST funds had been spent on pre-existing positions.

Finance Director Anthony Francisco responded that they had not.

Chair Wilson suggested that the committee discuss this issue one final time at the July meeting to hear any input from the two of the members who were not in attendance today.

Item 6, being:

ESTABLISH TOPICS FOR NEXT AGENDA.

Topics identified for the next agenda. Meeting to be held June 9, 2011

- Discussion of the use of Public Safety Sales Tax funds.
- Introduction of New Police Chief
- Communication to three existing Majors in the Norman Police Department

Item 7, being:

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION.

No Discussion.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.